

Officer and Whisky Runner Killed in Gun Battle Near Vinita--"Pal" Is Jailed

CONSTABLE SHOT WITH OWN PISTOL

Raid on Distributors of Moonshine Foiled by Mixed Plans

SHERIFF ARRIVED LATE

Little Wrestles With Pair but Loses Gun and Life; Dying, "Gets" One of Violators

Special to The World.

VINITA, Sept. 23.—Constable Dan Little was shot dead late Friday night and Alvin Casey was slain through the stomach and died early this morning as the result of the officers' attempt to arrest Casey and Charles Baker at the Chain Creek bridge, one mile south of Vinita.

Little and a partner stationed themselves behind the Chain Creek bridge, about seventy-five feet south on a curve of the Jefferson highway in order to intercept men suspected of bringing in corn whisky, according to Sheriff H. E. Ridenhour, after failing to have John Little at the bridge, but who through lack of definite information had gone to guard Big Cabin creek bridge on the Ozark trail, a half-mile north and half-mile west of the scene of the shooting.

Plans Mixed Up.

While Ridenhour was going on foot from that location to the Jefferson highway bridge, after failing to meet Little on the Ozark trail, Baker was taking his wounded companion in their car to the Bagby and Neer hospital here.

They claimed to believe that they were being held up by blacklegs, which gave rise to a rumor through the night and morning that Little and the negro were blacklegs.

Sheriff Ridenhour finally exploded that story, however, and showed that Officer Little died in the line of duty. The negro fled at the time of the shooting and although he is known to Ridenhour, the latter will not give out his name until he is apprehended. When the wounded man was placed in the hospital he said that he was shot while holding up his hands, and then, he said, "I think you will find a dead man back there by the fence as I think I killed him." Baker was back with others to the bridge and found Little's body against the fence. Baker was then put under arrest by Ridenhour who had arrived at the scene by that time.

Killed With Own Gun.

Ridenhour recovered three revolvers, but says the only one that was fired was Little's. Little had thrown Casey's gun in the weeds, but it is thought that Casey secured Little's gun and shot him with his own weapon. The officer was shot twice through the chest. The body of Little shows three wounds, but only three shots were fired from his revolver. Baker is in jail awaiting an examination into the affair. Casey told one of the physicians, he and Baker were from Kansas, in Delaware county, near the Arkansas line.

Sheriff Ridenhour claims that he can show that the men had 30 gallons liquor in the car, but the place of the killing and that they were supposed have 30 gallons with them. The officers having been tipped off to that effect and were looking for them. Casey has a federal liquor charge against him, it is claimed, and was to answer it in court next March.

Little is survived by his wife and three children, and two children by a former marriage. Casey has a wife and four children.

Negro's Name Divulged.

John Henry Ledman is the name of the negro who was with Little, according to Chief of Police Lester Baxley late today, who said Ledman was to receive five gallons of liquor at the bridge and had tipped the officers. Baxley says Casey and Baker were in town most of the day trying to wheedle 20 gallons of whisky. According to Lewis Rogers, undertaker, Casey said that they were stopped by a negro and a white man, one on each side, and ordered to "stick 'em up." Baker obeyed but Casey would not put up his hands and reached for his revolver in his hip pocket, then he claimed Little shot him and he returned the fire with Little's own revolver which he grabbed, shooting twice killing Little. The negro disappeared and Baker ran down the road towards town. Casey cranked his own car and started towards Vinita overtaking Baker and the two came to a full stop and then to the hospital. By that time Casey was in agony and bellowing with pain. Chief Baxley was called at once and went to the bridge with two men, where they found Sheriff Ridenhour. "Did you find him?" they asked. "Who?" Ridenhour questioned. "Didn't you know about the shooting?" Baxley asked. "No," said Ridenhour. "I came down to meet Little here and we were to get some whisky men. Then they looked for Little's body and found him on his back with one leg against the fence."

Some Blame Officers.

There is considerable feeling on the part of some of the citizens who condemn the officer. A camper within a few feet of the bridge claimed that the affair was a plain holdup and that he saw the officer and negro stop the men. To offset that statement it is argued, that the arrest would necessarily be in effect similar to a holdup. The officers are sure of their ground that they can prove the men were illicit liquor dealers. Little and the negro went to the bridge in a taxi which they met on the bridge on the Ozark trail in a taxi which returned to the city leaving him there.

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Perfect Child At Bixby Fair



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BIXBY, Sept. 23.—Margie Jeanne, 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bailey, of this city, won the first prize at the only show held during the Bixby township fair. The Bailey baby met all of the requirements for a 100 per cent infant.

HIGH LINE IS COMPLETED

By the Associated Press Staff.

LOCUST GROVE, Sept. 23.—The high line connecting this place with the Pryor high line at the river northwest of this city is completed, and in a few days this city will be lighted with electricity. All of the business houses and most of the residences have been wired for electricity and are ready for the current to be turned on. The work on the street lights is practically finished, and as soon as that work is done the whole city will be lighted up.

Infant Insurance Report.

By the Associated Press Staff.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 23.—Charged with making a false insurance report, Clayton Babb of Enid, was arrested yesterday and released on bond, according to John T. Hammon, assistant state fire marshal, who caused the complaint to be filed. Hammon said that Babb was charged with increasing the valuation of a barn belonging to him which recently burned.

INDIAN GIRL IS A BOTHER TO COURT

Guardian Also Worried Because Relatives Are Usurping Rights

Special to The World.

JAY, Sept. 23.—The Delaware county court session here heard an order directing William Simms, probate attorney of Vinita, to place his ward, Maude Lee Mudd in the 31st school. The probate attorney succeeded in getting the child in school and found a nice place for her to board, the court making an allowance of \$100 each month for the girl's expenses. Last week, the grandmother, Mrs. John Crow, residing near Turleyford, took the child out of school without the consent of the guardian, as soon as a notice board of this he procured from the county judge of Ottawa county a well of habeas corpus, it being the grandmother's right to have the child back to school or show cause why she was unlawfully restraining the child. A hearing was held recently in the district court, it fixed out the merits of the writ, but no permanent action was taken as yet by the court.

Maude Lee Mudd, age 13, is a Seneca and Omaha Indian and one of the wealthiest Indians in eastern Oklahoma. Her father, Albert Mudd, was an Omaha and was killed when Maude was 7 months old. The mother later remarried and left the child with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crow, who had the custody of the child for some years, until by order of the court here she was placed in school.

She inherited an allotment from her father of more than five hundred acres, together with vast oil rights which are valuable. She recently inherited vast mining interests in Ottawa county, through the death of her aunt, Lucy Beaver, sister of Albert Mudd. Lucy Beaver was a Seneca Indian and married four times. The first time she married a Seneca, the second time a Cheyenne, the third time a Cheyenne and the fourth time a Cheyenne all wealthy Indians. Maude Lee Mudd gets one-fourth of these allotments. Her holdings are said to be worth more than \$200,000.

When Simms became guardian, succeeding E. C. Fitzgerald, former probate attorney of this county, he found that Maude was infected with a skin disease. Simms has had this cured through medical treatment. It is his plan to educate his ward and make her vast fortune worth something to her in an educational way. It is understood that legal proceedings will be instituted in this county to test the legality of the appointment of William Simms.

Near East Essay Contest Won by Okmulgee Lassie

Impetus to the solicitation of funds in Oklahoma for emergency relief in the near east has been given by announcement that Miss Bessie Baxter, aged 19, of 825 North Alabama avenue, Okmulgee, had won the first prize in the national contest for the best essay on the near east.

The prize, a check for \$500, was presented to Miss Baxter on Saturday by Dr. W. S. Barrow, field secretary for Oklahoma of the near east relief, whom Director W. M. Wilson directed to give to the prize winner the prize.

Dr. Barrow went to Okmulgee, had delivered that Miss Baxter was a college student in Okmulgee.



Miss Bessie Baxter.

taking a complete collegiate course. As a result he had to go there, after attending near east relief meetings in Kansas City and Omaha, Neb.

Miss Baxter is a very ambitious young woman and graduated from the Okmulgee high school last year. Her aim is to become a medical missionary, so that not only the task of spreading the word of the Master may be prosecuted, but that the physical life may be alleviated.

During the World war her sympathies were won over to the Christians in the near east nations, because of the persecutions from the Ottomans and she had made quite a study of the situation before Dr. Henry Morgenthau, former

American Ambassador to Turkey, offered his prize for the best essay.

Miss Baxter had won the Okmulgee county prize of \$15 and just before Coffey college opened she was informed that her essay was first. She immediately arranged to enter school, pending receipt of the check.

G. O. P. STEALS MARCH ON JACK

Only Idle Space at Fair Occupied by Fields Headquarters

Special to The World.

MALESTER, Sept. 23.—Although Malester has always been a democratic city it appears that the Fields' supporters are going to mix it with the democrats in the coming election.

The republicans put one over the democrats at the county fair which closed a four-day engagement here Saturday. They secured a concession for a large circus tent over the main entrance of which was displayed a banner entitled, "Fields Headquarters." But when the Walton bunch tried to follow suit, they found the fair ground space all taken.

Besides supplying camp stools and shade for tired people the Fields' camp served free drinking water, latest campaign dope, buttons, etc., were also served.

Walton's Forces Checkmated.

When the Walton people sought a permit to go there one better and serve free coffee and doughnuts it was learned that the refreshment concessions had been let to the church ladies.

Fields' pictures were also in evidence while no likeness of the alleged "handsome young democratic standard bearer" appeared.

The Fields' camp uptown comprises one of the largest buildings in the city with floor space enough to operate a dozen bowling alleys.

When the cohorts got tired of the main thing they can mill around on the upper floor or the basement. So far as known it is a dry basement and admirably suited to caucuses of the inner circle.

The Waltoning have more modest headquarters on the second floor, but it is advantageously located over the main business street and from its bay window can be watched "every little movement" of the adversaries.

Turley Trial Continued.

DENVER, Sept. 23.—The fate of Orville J. Turley, real estate broker on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Emma Wynn, will go over until next week, it was expected today as the state failed to close its evidence at the noon recess.

Biggest Foot Belongs To Chickasha, So Grady County Negro, States

Special to The World.

BRISTOW, Sept. 23.—Chickasha claims the honor of having a man with the biggest foot in the entire state. He wears a No. 19 1/2 shoe, 25 collar, weighs 297 pounds and stands 6 feet 11 inches in his socks feet. When ordering a pair of shoes here recently, the merchant decided not only to measure his foot which resembled a canvased ham, but get his height also. The selling in the store was too low for the kinky-headed son of Ham to stand straight, so walked out on the street, locked up against a telephone pole and the merchant took a soap box and a yard stick and nailed off the giant's length. If there is a town in the state that can beat this record, Bristow wants to hear from it.

URBAN EXTENSION BENEFITS TREECE

Thrifty Mining Towns Excited by Plans to Extend Line

Special to The World.

THESE, Kan., Sept. 23.—The Treese booster club and many of the citizens of this thrifty little mining town are very much excited over the proposal of Joseph Pittsburg railroad coming through the town en route from Columbus to Picher, Okla. The nearest electric line is more than a mile from the city, although freight is routed over the K. O. G. which enters the city at the south end.

Columbus, Kan., 10 miles north of Treese, has recently started a drive for \$25,000 to get the railroad to build through that city to Picher, a distance of 12 miles.

Woman Judge Has First Wedding.

Special to The World.

CAUTHAGEN, Sept. 22.—The first marriage ceremony ever performed by a woman official in Jasper county was witnessed when Miss Edith Kerr, probate judge by appointment, married her first couple, Kinley Hall of Willow Springs, Mo., and Miss Birdie Mae Skaggs of Elk Creek, Texas.

LEAD STRIKES ARE BOOMING BAXTER

Southern Kansas Town Is Forgetting Hard Times for Prosperity

Special to The World.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan., Sept. 23.—Baxter Springs has put the depression behind her and is coming to the front with several rich lead strikes in the past week. Clearings at the banks show a very decided increase as many miners return to the field to work. Several mining companies are placing a number of drills for development work on the mining section just west of Baxter. This work is also said to add to the total amount of the weekly payroll paid to the miners.

The city has recently completed more than five blocks of brick and road to connect with the chat road that leads west out of Baxter to Picher at a cost of \$15,000.

Indian Found Dead.

Special to The World.

HARTLESVILLE, Sept. 23.—Lee Keyes, aged 40, a Cherokee Indian was found dead about one mile south of here on the Buford farm. A horse and buggy was standing alongside the road and Keyes' body was found under the buggy. Three dollars in money was on his person, but there were no signs of bruises about his body other than that made by the wheels of the buggy passing over it. The authorities scout the idea that Keyes was murdered.

Big Cotton Crop Seen.

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